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## **Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products July 2016**

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary July steel imports were \$2.0 billion (2.9 million metric tons) compared to the preliminary June totals of \$1.8 billion (2.4 million metric tons).

The July change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Decreases occurred primarily in heavy structural shapes; standard pipe; and sheets and strips. Increases occurred primarily with Brazil. Decreases occurred primarily with Canada, Germany, and Russia.

The year to date final statistics through June 2016 showed steel imports of 14.2 million metric tons compared with 19.7 million metric tons through June 2015. The largest commodity decreases occurred primarily in oil country goods. Increases occurred primarily in wire rods, tin free steel, and tin plate. The largest country decreases occurred primarily with Canada. Increases occurred primarily with Sweden, Austria, and Netherlands.

### **Notes:**

**The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.**

*Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit our web site at [www.census.gov/trade](http://www.census.gov/trade). On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.*

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